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Title of Invention	Legged mobile robot	

FIRST NOTIFICATION OF OFFICE ACTION (PCT APPLICATION ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE)

1. ☒ Upon the Request for Substantive Examination, the examiner has made the examination on the above cited patent application in accordance with the provision in paragraph 1, Article 35 of the Chinese Patent Law.
- ☐ The SIPO uses its own discretion to make a substantive examination for the above cited patent application on the basis of the provision in paragraph 2, Article 35 of the Chinese Patent Law.

2. ☒ The applicant designated the filing date of

August 28, 2002 in the Patent Office of JP as the priority date;
_____ in the Patent Office of _____ as the priority date;
_____ in the Patent Office of _____ as the priority date;

3. ☐ The following amended text(s) is not in conformity with the provision of Article 33 of the Chinese Patent Law and therefore is (are) unacceptable:
- ☐ Chinese translation of Annexes to the IPE Report.
 - ☐ Chinese translation of the amendment under Article 19 of PCT.
 - ☐ The amendment under Article 28 or 41 of PCT.
 - ☐ The amendment under Rule 51 of the Implementing Regulations of the Chinese patent Law.

The reason why the amendment is not accepted is, in details, shown in the attachment sheet.

4. ☐ Examination is made based on Chinese translation of PCT appln. as originally filed.

- ☒ Examination is made based on the following documents:

- ☒ the description, pages 1,2,4-6,8-14, as indicated in Chinese translation of PCT appln. as originally filed;
pages 3,3a,3b,3c,7, as indicated in the Chinese translation of the annexes to IPE Report;
pages _____, as indicated in the amendment under Article 28 or 41 of PCT;
pages _____, as indicated in the amendment under Rule 51 of the Implementing Regulations of the PRC Patent Law.
- ☒ the claims, claims _____, as indicated in Chinese translation of PCT appln. as originally filed;
claims _____, as indicated in Chinese translation of the amendment under Article 19 of PCT;
claims _____, as indicated in the Chinese translation of the annexes to IPE Report;
claims 1-15, as indicated in the amendment under Article 28 or 41 of PCT;
claims _____, as indicated in the amendment under Rule 51 of the Implementing Regulations of the PRC Patent Law.

- ☒ the drawings, pages 1-8, as indicated in Chinese translation of PCT appln. as originally filed;
 pages _____, as indicated in the Chinese translation of the annexes to IPE Report;
 pages _____, as indicated in the amendment under Article 28 or 41 of PCT;
 pages _____, as indicated in the amendment under Rule 51 of the Implementing Regulations of the PRC Patent Law.

- ☒ The following reference materials have been cited in this notification (their serial numbers will be referred to in the following procedure):

Serial Number	Number or Title of Reference Material	Publication Date (or Filing Date of A Conflict Patent Application)
1	JP2002-210682A	July 30, 2002
2	US4797061A	January 10, 1989
3	US5271292A	December 21, 1993

5. The conclusion of the examination:

- ☐ In regard to the description:

- ☐ The subject matter of the present application is not accepted based on the Article 5 of the PRC Patent Law.
☐ The description is not in conformity with the provision of paragraph 3, Article 26 of the PRC Patent Law.
☐

- ☒ In regard to the Claims:

- ☐ Claims _____ can not be allowed because they fall in the scope of the unpatentable subject matters provided by Article 25 of the PRC Patent Law.
☐ Claims _____ can not be allowed owing to lack of novelty based on the provision of paragraph 2, Article 22 of PRC Patent Law.
☒ Claims 8,10,11,13,15 can not be allowed owing to lack of inventiveness based on the provision of paragraph 3, Article 22 of PRC Patent Law.
☒ Claims _____ can not be allowed owing to lack of practical applicability based on the provision of paragraph 4, Article 22 of PRC Patent Law.
☐ Claims _____ can not be allowed based on the provision of paragraph 4, Article 26 of PRC Patent Law.
☒ Claims 1 and 7,8 can not be allowed based on the provision of paragraph 1, Article 31 of PRC Patent Law.
☒ Claims 1 can not be allowed based on the provision of Rule 20 of the Implementing Regulations of the PRC Patent Law.
☐ Claims _____ can not be allowed based on the provision of Article 9 of PRC Patent Law.
☐ Claims _____ can not be allowed based on the provision of paragraph 1, Rule 12 of the Implementing Regulations of the PRC Patent Law.
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The explanation of the conclusion is given in the attachment sheet in details

6. According to the above conclusion, the examiner holds that

- ☐ the applicant should amend the application documents based on the requirement specified in the Attachment Sheet.
☒ the applicant should state the reason on which the application can be accepted and amend the part that is indicated not to be in conformity with the requirement, otherwise the application will be rejected.

- ☐ No subject matter in the application is patentable, said application will be rejected if the applicant does not make a statement or the statement is not convincing.
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7. The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that

- (1) in accordance with the provision of Article 37 of the Chinese Patent Law, the applicant shall submit the observations within **FOUR** months from the date of receiving this notification. If the applicant, without any justified reason, fails to reply within the time limit, the application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.
- (2) the amendment that shall be in conformity with the provision of Article 33 of the Chinese Patent Law. The amended text shall be furnished in duplicate. The formality of the amendment should be in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Guidebook for Examination.
- (3) any response and/or amended specification must be furnished by mail or by hand to the Receiving Department of the SIPO. Any documents that are not furnished to the Receiving Department do not have legal effect.
- (4) the applicant and/or his attorney should not go to the PRC Patent Office to meet the examiner if no appointment is made.

8. The text of the notification embraces 4 page(s), along with the enclosures herein:

☒ 3 copy of the Cited references are enclosed in pages of 32.

Examination Department No. _____ Name of Examiner Lili ZHUANG Stamp _____.